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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re application of:</b> Richard A. Ales	<b>Examiner:</b> John E. Chapman Jr.
<b>Ser. No.:</b> 10/518,337	<b>Art Unit:</b> 2856
<b>Filed:</b> December 15, 2004	<b>Docket No.</b> 22188/06938
<b>For:</b> ULTRASONIC TESTING OF FITTING ASSEMBLY FOR FLUID CONDUITS WITH A HAND-HELD APPARATUS	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 6750

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**CORRECTION OF ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS BY THE PATENT OFFICE**

Sir:

During a review of above-named patent application, Applicant noticed that the Patent Office incorrectly identified the above-named application as being entitled to small entity status and applied the fifty-percent (50%) fee reduction to the US National Fees. Applicant did not identify the present application as being entitled to small entity

status in the transmittal letter of the present National Stage Application. The transmittal letter of the present National Stage application did not include the search fee of \$400, but did authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required to a deposit account (The search fee that is due is \$400, because an International Preliminary Examination Report was provided to the Patent Office by the International Preliminary Examining Authority). The Patent Office applied the \$500 check that Applicant provided with the transmittal letter as covering the Basic US National fees for a small entity. The undersigned attorney has now discovered that small entity status was established in error by the Patent Office. In reviewing our file, it appears that all other fees, including the submitted issue fee payment, were correctly paid as a large entity.

**Itemization**

Fee type	Amount erroneously paid as small entity	Current non-small entity fees	Deficiency
National Phase Patent Application filing fee	\$450	\$900 Filing Fee, Search Fee and Examination Fee	\$900
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>\$450</b>	<b>Total deficiency payment owed:</b>	<b>\$450</b>

The total fees erroneously applied under small entity status by the Patent Office was \$450. The deficiency payment, which is the difference between the current non-small entity fees and the erroneously applied small entity fees is \$450. Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$450, which is believed to be the amount required to correct the error by the Patent Office.

It is believed that no further fee is required, however, if this is not the case the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0172, order number 22188/06938.

Respectfully submitted,

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